

**REMARKS**

Claims 10, 14, 15 and 36-38 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-9, 11-13, 16-35 and 39-54 have been cancelled.

New Claim 55 has been added. This claim finds support in the Specification on page 35, lines 6-10; page 44, line 20 to page 45, line 3; Example IX beginning on page 53, line 5; and page 56, lines 9-25.

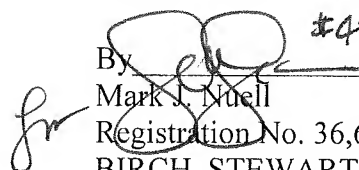
Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D., Reg. No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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